

Fresno, California

February 3, 2004

The City Council met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written.

Present:	Tom Boyajian	Councilmember
	Brian Calhoun	Councilmember
	Mike Dages	Councilmember
	Jerry Duncan	Councilmember
	Henry Perea	Acting Council President
	Cynthia Sterling	Councilmember
	Brad Castillo	Council President

Dan Hobbs, City Manager
Andy Souza, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Cantu Montoy, City Attorney
Becky Klisch, City Clerk
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

Administrative Pastor Marty Acree, Northwest Church, gave the invocation, and Shannon, an audience member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PROCLAMATION OF AMERICAN HEART MONTH - COUNCILMEMBER CALHOUN

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF PETE LICOURIS, SR. - MAYOR AUTRY

SPCA PET OF THE MONTH - COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN

The proclamation and resolution were read and presented, and the pet of the month, a kitten, was profiled.

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APPROVE MINUTES:

On motion of Councilmember Dages, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, the minutes of January 27, 2004, approved as submitted.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

COMMENDATION TO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE REGIONAL FORENSICS TOURNAMENT LAST SATURDAY AT McLANE HIGH SCHOOL AND McLANE HIGH FOR PUTTING THE TOURNAMENT ON - COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN

Commendation made.

COMMENDATION TO (1) SEWER EMPLOYEES RICHARD DELGADO, FRANK MELLO, BOBBY MARTINEZ AND DAVID CROUCH FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO A CITIZENS' CALL FOR ASSISTANCE AND THEIR SIX HOURS OF WORK ON A SEWER LINE; AND (2) THE SEVEN EXCEPTIONAL JUNIOR ROTC LEADERS FOR THEIR WORK IN PAINTING LAMPPOSTS - COUNCILMEMBER BOYAJIAN

Commendation made.

Councilmember Calhoun commended the Temple Beth Israel on their recognition event, the three downtown art museums on their openings and collaborative effort, and all those involved in the Columbia Memorial fund-raising and dedication.

TENT CITY/MOVING OF THE HOMELESS - COUNCILMEMBER CALHOUN

Councilmember Calhoun stated he was somewhat concerned and confused with this matter and questioned the liability issue, how the proposed move came about, and where it was going, with Councilmember Sterling, City Manager Hobbs and Chief Dyer responding. Councilmember Sterling advised a progress report would be submitted next week.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHARITABLE TEXAS HOLD EM POKER TOURNAMENT AND DINNER ON FEBRUARY 21ST AT CLUB ONE CASINO - COUNCILMEMBER DAGES

Announcement made.

COLUMBIA MEMORIAL DEDICATION - PRESIDENT CASTILLO

President Castillo noted the entire valley contributed to the memorial effort, advised of some of the various cities of contributors stating this showed the great spirit of the valley, and commended all for their contributions and coming together.

(3-A) PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CITY CLERK'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - PRESIDENT CASTILLO

President Castillo advised a performance evaluation of City Clerk Klisch was held last week and it was a glowing evaluation; noted like the City Attorney Ms. Klisch chose to forego a pay increase in light of the current budget crisis and thanked her for that ; and spoke to her work and efforts and commended Ms. Klisch on behalf of the Council.

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APPROVE AGENDA:

On motion of Councilmember Dages, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, the **AGENDA** hereby approved, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Castillo
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None

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ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR:

Barbara Hunt, 2475 S. Walnut , spoke in support of item **1-A**; expressed various concerns with Item **1-B**; and relative to **1-D** spoke in opposition to spending more money on consultants.

President Castillo clarified Item **1-E** 's location was District 5 and not District 2 as incorrectly stated in the staff report.

(1-A) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-30 - 6TH AMENDMENT TO SALARY RES. 03-213 MODIFYING UNIT 13, NON-MANAGEMENT CONFIDENTIAL, TO INCLUDE THE CLASSES OF RISK ANALYST AND CLAIMS SPECIALIST, AND MODIFYING UNIT 3, NON-SUPERVISORY WHITE COLLAR, TO DELETE THE CLASSES OF RISK ANALYST AND CLAIMS SPECIALIST

(1-B) APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF FERNANDO TAFOYA TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION - COUNCILMEMBER STERLING

(1-C) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-31 - 60TH AMENDMENT TO AAR 03-209 RE-APPROPRIATING \$62,400 REMAINING FROM THE \$288,500 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AWARD TO THE FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF FRESNO TO FUND THE MOBILE SCIENCE WORKSHOP (MSW) FOR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

(1-E) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-32 - APPROVING THE FINAL MAP OF TRACT NO. 5135, PHASE 6 OF VESTING TENTATIVE MAP NO. 4570/UGM 563, WEST SIDE OF S. FOWLER AVENUE BETWEEN E. BUTLER AND E. CHURCH AVENUES, AND ACCEPTING DEDICATED PUBLIC USES THEREIN

1. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND THE STATEMENT OF COVENANTS AFFECTING LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

2. AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF COVENANTS AFFECTING LAND DEVELOPMENT DEFERRING CERTAIN SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES, WATER CONNECTION CHARGES, URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT FEES AND DEVELOPMENT FEES TO THE TIME OF ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND CREATION OF LIEN, AND THE STATEMENT OF COVENANTS AFFECTING LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR PLANTING AND MAINTAINING FRONT YARD TREES

On motion of Councilmember Dages, seconded by Councilmember Sterling, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled **CONSENT CALENDAR** hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Boyajian, Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Castillo
Noes : None
Absent : None

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(2-A) DIRECT STAFF TO PURSUE OPTIONS FOR THE SALE OR TRADE-IN OF EXISTING PISTON HELICOPTERS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM PURCHASING MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO ANY BROKER AGREEMENT

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-33 - AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM PURCHASING MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A EUROCOPTER 120 TURBINE HELICOPTER FROM AMERICAN EUROCOPTER, LLC, WITHOUT ADVERTISED COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Chief Dyer reviewed the issue as contained in the staff report as submitted and recommended approval.

Barbara Hunt, 2475 S. Walnut, spoke in support **(2 - 0)**.

Upon question of Councilmember Duncan, Chief Dyer confirmed the transition from piston to turbine was critical due to officer safety, speed of the aircraft and performance in all types of weather. Councilmember Duncan complimented Chief Dyer on the analysis and report and made a motion to approve staff's recommendation, which motion was seconded and acted upon after discussion.

Chief Dyer responded to questions of Councilmember Calhoun relative to moving towards more regional cooperation and the pursuit policy and boundaries. Councilmember Sterling commended the police department and spoke in support of the issue and the financing and lease payment proposals clarifying the City and the taxpayers would not be taxed. Chief Dyer responded to questions of Councilmember Boyajian and President Castillo relative to why pistons were originally chosen, number of helicopters the Sheriff's department has, if there would be maintenance reciprocity with the County, how the manufacturer was chosen, if the turbine was larger and if it required more maintenance, if the police department had adequate maintenance staff, if staff was proposing a lease-to-own option, if the turbine had a longer life span, and the balance to be financed and if the lease time could be reduced. President Castillo requested staff provide a tray memo on the previous helicopter including original cost, balance to be paid and payment schedule.

On motion of Councilmember Duncan, seconded by Councilmember Calhoun, duly carried, RESOLVED, (1) the above entitled Resolution No. 2004-33 hereby adopted, for a total cost, including sales tax and freight, not to exceed \$1,100,000, subject to (I) the sale or trade-in of the existing piston fleet, (ii) securing the financing for any remaining balance, (iii) the appropriation of the funds for this purchase, and (iv) approval as to form of the contract by the City Attorney; (2) it is found that the existing 3 piston helicopters are surplus property for the sole purpose of selling and using the proceeds towards, or utilizing them as trade-in on, the purchase of the EC120 turbine helicopter; and (3) staff directed to pursue options for the sale of trade-in of the existing 3 piston helicopters to assist in the financing of the EC 120 turbine helicopter, and the Interim Purchasing Manager authorized to negotiate and enter into any broker agreement for the sale thereof, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, by the following vote:

Ayes : Boyajian, Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Castillo
Noes : None
Absent : None

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(2-B) CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED TRIMESTER PLAN AMENDMENT PROGRAM FOR PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025 FRESNO GENERAL PLAN

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-34 - IMPLEMENTING THE TRIMESTER PLAN AMENDMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL PLANNING AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE (LPPO) AND THE RELATED PLANNING GUIDELINES (AMENDING THE LPPO PLANNING GUIDELINES)

Planning & Development Director Yovino reviewed the issue as contained in the staff report as submitted and recommended the program be reinstated.

Barbara Hunt, 2475 S. Walnut, spoke to the issue.

Councilmember Duncan commended staff on the issue, spoke to the BIA's concern about missing a cycle deadline when an application is submitted on time and expressed his concern with holding people up, and questioned if an application would continue to be processed so a person does not have to wait for the next cycle, with Mr. Yovino responding it was department policy to process an application if it is unfairly delayed because of an action taken by his department. Councilmember Duncan spoke in support of the program stating this would give planners the opportunity to look at the bigger picture of how plan amendments will impact the city, added the concurrent processing of plan maps was also real positive and commended staff, presented questions relative to the re-write of the zoning ordinance and streamlining (with Mr. Yovino responding), and made a motion to approve staff's recommendation.

Mr. Yovino responded to questions and/or comments of Councilmembers Calhoun and Perea and President Castillo and/or clarified issues relative to **(3 - 0)** whether the recent hiring of thirteen people would help move the process along expeditiously, staff doing the right thing and playing by the rules if the builders play by the rules, what the disadvantages of the program were, the program being workable, at what point a small builder could piggyback on an environmental assessment of a major project in the same area, and when a Council member could submit their own amendment.

On motion of Councilmember Duncan, seconded by Councilmember Sterling, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2004-34 hereby adopted, by the following vote

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Castillo
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None

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(10:00 A.M.) HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT (UUD) NO. FRE-83, CEDAR AVENUE NORTH AND SOUTH OF SHAW, AND SHAW AVENUE WEST AND EAST OF CEDAR AVENUE

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-35 - ESTABLISHING UUD NO. FRE-83

President Castillo announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and opened the hearing. Assistant Public Works Director Kirn reviewed the issue as contained in the staff report as submitted.

Speaking to the issue were: Barbara Hunt, 2475 S. Walnut, who spoke in support; and Gloria Torrez, who stated lighting at all bus stops needed to be included in the undergrounding work.

Upon call, no one else wished to be heard and President Castillo closed the hearing.

Mr. Kirn and Assistant Design Services Manager Mozier responded to questions of Councilmembers Dages and Duncan and/or clarified issues relative to the start date for the Kings Canyon/Willow project, the Shaw/Cedar project and priorities, concern with not doing the Kings Canyon/Willow undergrounding, funding source for the Kings Canyon project, funding process once projects are on the priority list, if the list reflected priorities or projects that were ready to go, and public safety being the number one priority and request for the list of priority projects.

On motion of President Castillo, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2004-35 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Boyajian, Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Castillo
 Noes : None
 Absent : None

RECESS - 10:14 A.M. - 10:26 A.M.

(10:15 A.M.) HEARING ON REZONE APPLICATION NO. R-03-07 AND ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, FILED BY THE MCCAFFREY GROUP, PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF N. BRYAN AND W. PALO ALTO AVENUES IN DISTRICT 2

1. CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. R-03-07/T-5078

2. BILL NO. B-10 - ORDINANCE NO. 2004-11 - AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAP TO REZONE THE SITE FROM AE-5/UGM TO R-1/UGM

President Castillo announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and opened the hearing. Planner Chamberlain reviewed the issue as contained in the staff report as submitted and recommended approval.

Speaking to the issue were: Barbara Hunt, 2475 S. Walnut, who expressed various concerns and spoke to boundary issues; Gary Giannetta, Project Engineer, on behalf of the McCaffrey Group, who concurred with staff's recommendation; and Gloria Torrez, who expressed concern/objection to FAX being involved, not getting increased frequencies or improved services, lack of public input, separate buses for the rich and the poor, and natural gas stating it caused air pollution and was more costly.

Upon call, no one else wished to be heard and President Castillo closed the hearing. Councilmember Calhoun stated he visited the site and noted there were no objections and made a motion to approve staff's recommendation.

Supervising Planner Unruh, City Attorney Montoy, Planning & Development Director Yovino and City Manager Hobbs responded at length to questions, comments and/or concerns of Councilmember Boyajian and President Castillo and/or clarified issues relative to whether the developer was going to contribute to the Herndon widening project, concern with projects not paying their own way, concern with cumulative impacts and need to look at those so the city will be less burdened, why the City does not collect mitigation fees, why the City has not sat down with Caltrans to form a joint powers authority (JPA) to collect fees, Caltrans' written comments, Caltrans' request to collect mitigation fees but being unwilling to partner with the City, need to fully explore who needs to pay what, the current study with Caltrans through COG and county cities, need to have Caltrans present, what Council needs to do to form a JPA to mitigate conditions, Caltrans being told by the past administration to not show up at Council meetings, concern with the City's improper CEQA process and evaluations, Caltrans non-belief in the City's CEQA process, need for a workshop with Caltrans to understand their processes, Caltrans being interested in the amenities of the city and need to work with them, this being an on-going strategic issue, and agreement by all that growth should pay its own way.

Councilmember Duncan stated comments relative to Caltrans being a "victim" was another first; stated the people of Fresno already paid a large sum of taxes for transportation issues **(4 - 0)** and explained; cautioned Council about further taxes stating these would be fees home buyers would ultimately pay -- not developers; spoke to negotiation of a "user fee" with Caltrans due to the lack of tax dollars coming back into Fresno adding Fresno should not be an exporter of tax dollars to more affluent areas of California; and presented questions relative to the what the process would be for fee collection and administration, with Mr. Yovino responding. Councilmember Boyajian stated Caltrans should not be criticized as it was not known where the transportation money was going to; stated if fees had been collected Measure "C" might not have been needed; and stated the people were the victims and spoke to inner-city people paying for the widening of Friant, Herndon, etc., when it should have been the developers with a reasonable impact fee which he added was a possibility. President Castillo requested staff schedule a workshop with the goal being to look at way to partner with Caltrans and work closely with them.

On motion of Councilmember Calhoun, seconded by Councilmember Sterling, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, the finding of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. R-03-07/T-5078 dated December 30, 2003, hereby approved, and the above entitled Bill No. 10 rezoning the site adopted as Ordinance No. 2004-11, by the following vote:

Ayes : Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Castillo
 Noes : Boyajian
 Absent : None

CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

(1-D) AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AN ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PEOPLESOFT, INC., FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO UPGRADE THE CITY'S PEOPLESOFT FINANCIAL SOFTWARE

Councilmember Boyajian requested clarification on the costs for the consulting fee, the personnel and hardware, and presented questions relative to whether PeopleSoft employees would be hired by the city to assist with the upgrade, how further upgrades would be dealt with, and if ISD staff would be educated on future changes, with Information Services Director Hendricks responding. A motion and second was made to approve staff's recommendation. Councilmember Calhoun spoke to the issue of constant upgrades and costs and doing it inside and stated maybe the day would come when city staff could do the job but that day was not here yet.

On motion of Councilmember Boyajian, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, duly carried, RESOLVED, the Chief Information Officer authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Peoplesoft Inc., subject approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office, to provide consulting services for the upgrade of the City's financial software in an amount not to exceed \$900,000, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Castillo
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None

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UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

APPEARANCE BY HARLEY TURNER, 1326 GOSHEN, FRESNO, EXPRESSING CONCERN WITH "RUBBER STAMPED" ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RATINGS FOR PLANNING PROJECTS AND NEED FOR COUNCIL TO LOOK AT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON NEIGHBORHOODS

Appearance made. President Castillo requested staff provide Mr. Turner with the city's rating system.

APPEARANCE BY BARBARA HUNT, 2475 S. WALNUT, REGARDING THE HOMELESS SITUATION AND THE NEW INFLUX OF IMMIGRANTS TO FRESNO

Appearance made; no action taken.

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(2-C) ACCEPT THE PROJECT FINANCING PLAN AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO REYMAN BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE SANTA FE DEPOT REHABILITATION (REBID)

General Services Director Nerland reviewed the issue as contained in the staff report as submitted and recommended approval.

Barbara Hunt 2475 S. Walnut, spoke in support; and Gloria Torrez questioned the funding source and objected to the funds coming from the Transit Capital Improvement fund stating those funds needed to stay with transit.

Councilmember Calhoun stated it pained him to make a decision at the 11th hour to spend additional city funds or say "bye-bye" to the project; clarified he wanted to see the depot project completed but he had a real problem with it being held up by "bandits" and explained; at his request Controller Quinto explained the funding issue and the financing plan being recommended; and presented questions relative to whether the State funds would still have to be refunded if the project were halted and why, concern with paying \$1 million whether the project moves forward or not due to the increased contract price and the refunding issue, if a line would have been drawn if the price came in even further over budget, the architect's job and estimate, if staff was comfortable with the process undertaken, the increased price and the bond proposal, and consequence of a delay or missing the deadline to use the State funds, with Ms. Quinto, Assistant Public Works Director Jarvis and City Attorney Montoy responding to throughout.

Councilmember Sterling spoke in support of the project and the financing plan stating the depot was part of Fresno's history and the financing plan made sense and explained, and made a motion to approve staff's recommendation **(5 - 0)**, which motion was later seconded and acted upon.

Extensive discussion ensued with Mr. Nerland, Ms. Quinto, Mr. Jarvis, Architect Chris Johnson, City Manager Hobbs and Ms. Montoy responding to questions of Councilmembers Duncan, Boyajian and Perea and/or clarifying issues relative to lease revenue to be generated, if operating costs were considered, how the parking fund could be the fallback position when parking revenues are to be used only for parking issues, Councilmember Duncan expressing concern with using parking funds for a train station (non-parking issues), leasing difficulties, if staff talked with any legislators relative to extending the deadline, the developer's past experience, if staff feel's the deadline will be met, if the funds for this project could be included with the Convention Center parking structure financing plan, hope that staff will work to get an extension, and request for clarification on the proposed financing plan and fallback position.

Councilmember Calhoun stated he could not accept the State not giving an extension and he wanted to see staff make some phone calls to legislators and made a motion to table the matter one week, which motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Dages spoke in support of the issue stating there would be interest in leasing space due to the low market rate and stated lease payments would be made, stressed he would rather pay \$1 million and have something and added it would be a waste of taxpayer money if this proposal was not approved, and seconded Councilmember Sterling's motion on the floor to approve staff's recommendation.

Public Works Director Ruiz and Ms. Quinto responded to questions of Councilmember Duncan relative to the parking stall component of the project and cost, and what the other options were for the fallback position. Councilmember Duncan requested the motion be amended to eliminate the parking fund as the fallback position and for staff to identify another source, which amendment was accepted by the motion-maker. Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Johnson responded to questions of President Castillo relative to whether there were other plans in place for the depot so the city would not be "stuck with nothing", the scope of the project, and if there was any way to further cut back on the project.

Brief discussion ensued and clarifications were made on the motion, the amendment and alternatives to using the parking fund, exploring options with the contractor, inability to make any changes to the bid, and the process if an extension were to be granted.. President Castillo stated he hoped staff would return with some creative financing.

On motion of Councilmember Sterling, seconded by Councilmember Dages, duly carried, RESOLVED, the project financing plan for the rehabilitation of the Santa Fe Depot hereby approved, *as amended*, deleting the Parking Fund as the fallback position; and a contract hereby awarded to Reyman Brothers Construction, Inc., of Sparks, Nevada, for the Base Bid only in the amount of \$5,524,137 for rehabilitation of the Santa Fe Depot, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Castillo
Noes	:	Calhoun
Absent	:	None

LUNCH RECESS - 12:25 P.M. - 3:02 P.M.

(3:00 P.M.) WORKSHOP ON AIR CARGO

A Power Point presentation was given by Deputy Airports Director Card, Project Manager Kevin Michael and Stephen Clamp of Evergreen International Airlines, Inc., which included the history/chronology of the issue, the air cargo project coming forth in the near future (**6 - 0**), air cargo vision, and Evergreen Airlines including their background, experience, objectives and why it was chosen.

Mr. Card, City Attorney Montoy and Mr. Clamp responded to questions and/or comments of Councilmembers Duncan, Calhoun, Dages and Boyajian relative to the word "international" sending a chill through the agricultural community due to implications to the ag base (i.e. infestation), need to stay focused on including the ag community, if FYI could not be used for international flights, definition of a wet/dry lease, the airport surfacing contract, if there would be an opportunity for the ag community to ship worldwide, Evergreen Airlines including the non-union environment, wage structure and number of employees, where the expansion would take place, and the prior plans for the entire area including moving of the golf course. Council thanked staff for the presentation and Evergreen Airlines for locating here stating they looked forward to a great partnership. There was no further discussion.

(3:30 P.M.) WORKSHOP ON THE COMMUNITY SANITATION DIVISION AND OPERATION CLEAN-UP

Assistant PUD Director Weimiller gave a lengthy Power Point presentation on Operation Clean Up (OCU) and the Community Sanitation Division in general (which included the three principal areas of responsibility: OCU, street sweeping and litter control) **(7 - 0)**; and spoke to the changes that were being made (OCU from twice to once a year and increased leaf collection and alley clean-up, displaying photographs to illustrate) and to how staff incorporated the community's input while looking at changes and options.

Extensive discussion ensued and Mr. Weimiller, PUD Director McIntyre and Assistant City Manager Souza responded to various questions and/or comments of Councilmembers Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Perea, Boyajian, Sterling and President Castillo relative to the OCU program's move to once a year and need for public education on the change, midnight dumpers, OCU during holiday periods, if Council action would be needed to move forward with the changes, monetary difference between once and twice a year, if the OCU savings were diverted to cleaning up after Caltrans, if the once a year move was a management decision, how the public will be notified of the change, Kings Canyon clean up, cost to the city to clean up highways and which highways the city cleans up, street sweeping and areas that do not receive the service, OCU and charging a fee to citizens who want/need a second clean up, where the savings from the once a year will go to, cause of the operating deficit, if staff was getting more aggressive with alley clean up or enforcement, if a surplus would be in place for two years and if a rate increase was anticipated in year three, street sweeping including various concerns expressed by residents and how departments are coordinated to provide the service and be as efficient as possible **(8 - 0)**, request for a detailed breakdown on the \$1.9 million OCU savings and best guess on the surplus, need to solve the problem with Caltrans relative to highway cleanups, cleanup efforts around railroad tracks and PUDs, commendations to staff for their efficient work and efforts, publicizing the OCU schedule, repeat illegal dumping and who is fined, how the issues of cars on the street during street sweeping and garbage placed on streets ahead of the OCU schedule are dealt with, if a free day/week at the dump has been considered for those who need it, and the total cost the OCU program. Staff was again commended and there was no further discussion.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the City Council, the hour of 5:10 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objections, President Castillo declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on the ____10th ____ day of ____February____, 2004.

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Brad Castillo, Council President

ATTEST:_____/s/_____
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

